



March 26, 2007

Re: Revised Proposed Gaming Ordinance Requirements Relating to Facility Licensing

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) has always required that tribes license their gaming facilities and that the construction and operation be conducted in a manner that safeguards the environment and health and public safety. This revised proposal reflects the many comments we previously received from tribal leaders. It incorporates the IGRA requirements into tribal gaming ordinances, which will insure at the outset of Indian gaming, and periodically thereafter, that these important environmental, health and safety issues are monitored.

In keeping with our commitment to government-to-government consultation, we are seeking tribal comments on this amendment. If the Commission eventually chooses to go forward with this amendment, as drafted or as refined based on tribal input and further study, there will be opportunity for further comment.

Further, another intent of the proposed amendments is to provide a method of identifying the Indian lands on which tribes are gaming or intend to game. If adopted, the regulations would require the following provisions:

- All new gaming ordinances will be subject to these new requirements and all previously NIGC approved gaming ordinances must be amended within two (2) years of the promulgation of the revised regulations to incorporate the new requirements.
- Before a new gaming facility opens, a tribe will be required to submit to the Chairman a notice that it is considering issuing a new facility license and certain Indian lands information.
- Facility licenses must be renewed at least once every three (3) years. With each facility license renewal, a tribe will certify that it has adopted or identified environmental and public health and safety laws applicable to its gaming operation(s), it is in compliance with those laws, and that it is ensuring that it adequately protects the environment and public health and safety.

- Concurrent with the facility license certification, a tribe will submit a list identifying the laws, resolutions, and policies or procedures adopted by the tribe in certain environmental and public health and safety areas unless the list has not substantially changed since the last submission.

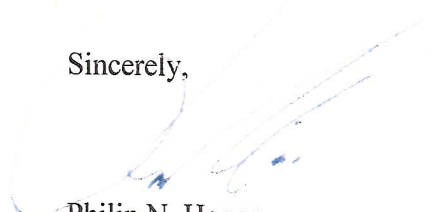
Enclosed is a copy of the latest working draft of the above the revised proposed regulations. In accordance with the Commission's government-to-government consultation policy, we are soliciting your comments for ways that this draft regulation might be improved.

Please submit your comments by May 15, 2007.

Comments should be addressed to:

Proposed Changes to NIGC Regulations
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Sincerely,



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Enclosure